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- 25X1 1. At 3 p.m. on 29 March, a train with an undetermined number of trucks
- 25X1 small and medium AT guns and 1 field kitchen stood at Gransee railroad station. The vehicles were heavily soiled.
- 25X1 2. The following Soviet troop trains were observed on 29 March:
- 25X1 At 9 a.m. at Britz railroad station: a freight train of 13 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 9 tanks with 5 bogie wheels The train was headed toward Eberswalde.
- 25X1 At 9:30 a.m. at Friedrichswalde railroad station: a train with 9 armored scout cars including 4 small cars with four wheels each and 5 large cars with 6 wheels each, The locomotive was headed toward Eberswalde.
- 25X1 At 9:40 a.m. between Friedrichswalde and Templin: a train with 5 tanks with 5 bogie wheels 5 x 45-mm AT guns and 7 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The locomotive was headed toward Eberswalde.¹
- 25X1 3. On 1 April, source determined that all billeting equipment was removed from the quarters of the cantonment east of Grosskuehnau. The barracks were disassembled and shipped to Dessau-Rosslau. Eight of the twenty-two barracks had already been loaded.
- 25X1 4. At about 5 p.m. on 30 March, a troop train passed through Finsterwalde and proceeded toward Falkenberg. It included 36 cars with trucks carrying pontoons with straight rear walls, 1 truck mounting a twin-barrelled machine gun, 3 empty trucks and 4 boxcars with troops. At about 7:40 a.m. on 2 April, a troop train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 25 trucks and, 10 covered guns of about 76.2-mm and 3 boxcars with troops passed through Finsterwalde toward Cottbus.²
- 25X1 5. At about 6 a.m. on 3 April, a troop train carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns on flatbed trailers, 20 trucks with undetermined load, 1 canvas-covered, round device and 2 other flatbed trailers stood at Wolmirstedt railroad station, headed toward Stendal.

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6. The following shipments were determined at Satzkorn railroad station:

At 2 a.m. on 4 April: 2 T-34/85 tanks, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, 3 armored personnel carriers, about 110 motorcycles, 14 trucks, 1 bus and 14 boxcars, from Jueterbog to Eberswalde.

At 8:30 p.m. on 4 April: 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 prime movers, 4 armored personnel carriers, 2 workshop trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 sedan, 2 trucks, and 12 boxcars, from Jueterbog to Binz.

At 3 a.m. on 5 April: 8 M-13 rocket launchers, 1 workshop truck, 1 field kitchen, 30 trucks and 12 boxcars, from Jueterbog to Rathenow.

At 2 p.m. on 5 April: 8 M-13 rocket launchers, 2 radio trucks, 3 workshop trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, 24 trucks and 18 boxcars, from Jueterbog to Rathenow.⁵

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1. Comment. Probably, return to Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde of units of the 6th Gds Mech Div from an exercise in the area of Mirow and Neuruppin and farther to the south. [redacted]

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2. Comment. The cantonment east of Grosskuehnau has been vacant since October 1953. The motor vehicles observed there belong to the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GDR from Magdeburg. Another report also indicated that advance parties have been located in the regimental training area southeast of Rosslau. [redacted]

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3. Comment. Presumably, shipments of the 9th Mech Div. The engineer unit observed on 30 March was possibly transferred to the engineer training area of the Third Gds Mech Army near Apollensdorf.

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4. Comment. Motor vehicle [redacted] probably belongs to the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) elements of which were loaded in Chemnitz on 2 April. However, the shipment involved medium AAA units. It is possible that the train, which probably went to Mustraw, is identical with that in the present report.

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5. Comment. Return of units of the IV Arty Corps and Fourth Gds Mech Army, upon participation in exercises of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the Baruth-Jueterbog-Treuenbrietzen area. According to [redacted] the following trains are identical:

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At 2 a.m. on 4 April, train [redacted] from Jueterbog to Eberswalde, with units of the 51st (2) Mtrcl Regt of the abovementioned army; at 8:30 p.m. on 4 April, train [redacted] from Jueterbog to Binz with units of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US); at 3 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 5 April, trains [redacted] from Jueterbog to Rathenow with units of the 25th Gds RL Brig.

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